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Applicant: Mark R. McCormick	Date: February 18, 1999
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For: METHOD FOR PRECIPITATING NUCLEIC ACID WITH VISIBLE CARRIER	File No.: 700399.90053

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed November 18, 1998, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

In the Cross-Reference to Related Applications, page 1, line 8, please delete "Not applicable." and insert therefor --

B1

This application claims the benefit of prior provisional patent application number 60/004,668, filed October 2, 1995. *A*

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 8, 13 and 18 as follows:

B2

8. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the indicator molecule [comprises a primary] and the carrier molecule are coupled via an amine [group] linkage.